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U.S. Ambassador and Peruvian Minister of Interior Visit Ucayali Region to Observe Anti-Narcotics Operations

Lima, September 8, 2011. U.S. Ambassador to Peru Rose M. Likins accompanied the Peruvian Minister of the Interior Oscar Valdez to Pucallpa to observe joint U.S.-Peru anti-narcotics programs in the area. The itinerary included a visit to alternative development projects designed to provide legitimate crop alternatives to illegal coca growing. At another location the visitors observed first-hand a Peruvian team eradicating illegal coca crops in the field. The joint delegation included officials from DIRANDRO, CORAH and USAID-Peru. Ucayali Regional President Dr. Jorge Velasquez participated in a number of the day's events. The U.S. Embassy signed in March of this year a five-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Ucayali Regional Government for the development of the region with support for alternative development as part of a wider inclusive economic development strategy.

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